(a) whether the Union Government have received any proposal from Maharashtra Government to set up a gas based power projects; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The Central Electricity Authority have received from the Maharashtra State Electricity Board the Project Feasibility Reports for installation of the following gas based Power Projects by them in the State of Maharashtra:

i) Dabhol Gas Turbine Combined Cycle IPS - 760 MW (4x120 MW GT + 2x140 MW ST, District Ratnagiri.

ii) Nagothane Gas Turbine Combined Cycle TPS -860 MW (4x130 MW GT + 2x150 MW ST).

These proposals are not in a state of readiness for techno-economic appraisal by the CEA. They could be considered for techno-economic clearance only after all the essential inputs such as gas linkage. water availability, compliance of Section 29 of Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948 etc. are tied up and necessary clearances including the clearance of the Central as well as State Authorities from the environmental angle are obtained by the State Authorities.

The Maharashtra State Electricity Board had also proposed to set up combined cycle gas turbine station (410 MW) at Thakurli in January, 1991. It was, however, decided in February, 1991, that this project should be set up by the Railways. Accordingly, the proposal is not being pursued in CEA under advice to the MSEB.

Issue of Commemorative Stamps for Monuments

1763. SHRI VILASRAO NAGNATHRAO GUNDEWAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state the details of monuments of the country for which Government propose to issue commemorative stamps during the current year?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. PRANGAYYA NAIDU): No commemorative postage stamps on monuments are proposed to be issued during the current year.

Killing and Looting by Terrorists

1764. SHRI BHUBANESHWAR PRASAD MEHTA:
SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons killed and the amount of money looted by the terrorists and separatist organisations in various States during the last three years;

(b) whether the influence of terrorists and separatist organisations is spreading to the States besides Punjab and Kashmir; and

(c) the measures the Government propose to take to curb the growing incidents of killing and looting by these terrorist organisations and to contain their influence?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) and (c). During the current year, terrorist activities have been reported in some other States of the country besides Punjab and Kashmir. The Government is fully aware of the situation created by the terrorist elements and is determined to ensure that the durable climate of peace, stability and progress prevails throughout the country. Various steps are being taken by the Government in this direction with the active cooperation of the State Governments.

Norms for Rural Electrification by Central Electricity Authority

1765. SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Electricity Authority has laid some norms for electrification of villages;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the authority propose to relax its norms with a view to achieve the target of electrifying eighty per cent villages of all districts of Bundelkhand in Uttar Pradesh within three years; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b). According to the Electricity Supply Act, Rural Electrification works fall within the purview of utilities/ State Electricity Boards, and accordingly various State Electricity Boards fix norms of their own for village electrification. The scheme relating to RE work costing more than Rs.5 crores are alone to be techno-economically cleared by the Central Electricity Authority.

(c) and (d). The district-wise priorities and allocations are finalised on annual basis by the State Authorities depending on the State's total targets and allocations fixed by the Planning Commission.

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S.T.D. Facility Between Delhi and States

1766. DR. C. SILVERA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of district headquarters of States and Union Territories have been connected through S.T.D facility with Delhi;

(b) if so, the names of these districts, as on November 30, 1991, Statewise and Union Territory-wise;

(c) whether a large number of districts, are still to be connected with S.T.D. from Delhi;

(d) if so, the names of these districts, State-wise and Union Territory-wise; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government or proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU: (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Statement-I is attached.

(c) No, Sir, only 45 district headquarters out of the total 479 are remaining to be connected with STD facility.

(d) Statement-II is attached.

(e) Work is in progress for providing